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General Assembly

2014 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment

Plenary meeting

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Sub-Working Group – Major Equipment

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Sub-Working Group – Self-Sustainment

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Sub-Working Group – Medical Support Service

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Human Rights Council

Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice
Ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9 (CB)

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 January 2014, in the Security Council Chamber, on war, its lessons and the search for a permanent peace in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 16:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)

16:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2014 regular session

10:00 to 13:00	6th meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	7th meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)

1. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2014/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2014/CRP.3)[1] [item 3 (a)]

[1]Conference Room Papers.

2. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2014/R.2, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.17, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.18, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2014/R.2/Add.21 and E/C.2/2014/R.3)[1] [item 3 (b)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, are available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

[1]Restricted documents of the Committee.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on "Modifications to procedures for consideration and approval of country programme documentation" *today*, 24 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Friday, 24 January 2014

Group of 77 (on the Commission for Social Development)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room C (CB)

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A (CB)

Other activities

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Friday, 24 January 2014

Briefing on "Global Employment Trends 2014: Risk of a jobless recovery" (organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Eleanor Bahoy, ILO (e-mail newyork@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 24 January 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00	His Excellency Sin Son Ho, Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here.*

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-eighth session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9 to 16, 18, 19 (a), (b) and (h), 21 (d), 29 to 31, 33 to 36, 38, 39, 41 to 47, 53, 63 (a) and (b), 67 (b), 70 (a) to (d), 85, 111, 112, 114 (b), 115 (a), (d) and (e), 116 (g), (h) and (i), 117 to 126, 128, 129, 131 to 135 and 137 to 165.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (rooms S-3055 and S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Eighth session

The eighth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. For further information, including the draft programme of work and a list of side events, please *click here*.

The Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group will convene an informal meeting with representatives of major groups and other stakeholders *daily*, from Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 February, from 09:00 to 9:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are encouraged to attend.

The Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group will also hold open, informal consultations on the way forward on Tuesday, 4 February, from 18:00 to 20:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, as announced in their letter dated 17 January 2014 to the Permanent Representatives of Member States listed in Annex to General Assembly decision 67/555 and copied to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations. To view this letter, please *click here*.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2014 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2014 substantive session from Monday, 24 February, to Friday, 21 March. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 24 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail herity@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2014/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2014/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/68/652* and posted on the Web site of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the site.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

List of speakers

The opening of the list of speakers for the general debate (24-25 February) will be announced in due course. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at www.c34.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Preparatory Committee for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first session from Monday, 24 to Wednesday, 26 February 2014, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to discuss the objectives and substantive theme of the Conference and organizational and procedural matters, including the rules of procedure, and to elect the Bureau, pursuant to resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013 (currently available in document A/68/438/Add.2).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Executive Board
Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 3 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on Tuesday, 28 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

Fifty-second session

The fifty-second session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Tuesday, 11, to Friday, 21 February 2014. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2014/1. For further information on the fifty-second and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Radhika Ochalik, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4 (NLB), only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 7 February 2014*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all) will begin on Tuesday, 11 February 2014, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Thursday, 13 February 2014, in the morning. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2014/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

A minimum of 30 copies of the statement should be provided by delegations to conference services staff in the room.

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-second session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-second session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session

The 2014 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 4, to Friday, 7 February 2014, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2014/1*. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF, (e-mail harai@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 31 January 2014*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2014 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the 'Documents' webpage of the Executive Board website. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal that will make available all supporting in-session documentation (presentations, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should

be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal. Delegations are further requested to bring 15 hard copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 3 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicate ' in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2014

The first regular session 2014 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 27 to Friday, 31 January 2014, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2014/L.1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment please *click here*. Member States or agency representatives planning to attend the first regular session 2014 are requested to send their names to anglin@unfpa.org and copy to ferguson@unfpa.org.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will be held on Monday, 3 February 2014, at 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional agenda, annotations and background documents will be available on the UNDP Executive Board website. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available by *clicking here* upon delivery. Delegations are

also requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Hard copies of statements will not be distributed during the session. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the PaperSmart Portal.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

Monday, 27 January 2014, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 January 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)

Memorial ceremony on the theme "Journeys through the Holocaust" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information)

Monday, 27 January 2014, from 11:00 to 12:30, in the General Assembly Hall (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information or for registration, please contact Ms. Kimberly Mann, DPI (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835).]

Panel discussion on "A community saved: The rescue of Jews in Albania" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Albania and the B'nai B'rith International)

Monday, 27 January 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information or for registration, please contact the Permanent Mission of Albania (e-mail rsvp@albania-un.org; tel. 1 (212) 249-2059).]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*. For queries related to side events, please contact Ms. Kimberly Mann, DPI (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835); or e-mail eszter@hacusa.org.]

Panel discussion on "Water based on the strategy for water in Western Mediterranean" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Algeria and Spain)

Tuesday, 28 January 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Algeria (e-mail mission@algeria-un.org); or the Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail rep.nuevayorkonu@maec.es).]

Launch of the "Practical guide on transition, justice, truth and reconciliation processes in the francophone area" (organized by the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Morocco and the Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, DPA)

Thursday, 30 January 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[All are invited. For further information or for registration, please contact the IOF (e-mail reper.new-york@francophonie.org).]

Workshop on "Intellectual property and sustainable development" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO))

Thursday, 6 February 2014, from 09:30 to 17:45, in Conference Room DC2-2525; and

Friday, 7 February 2014, from 09:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Open Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations)

Friday, 14 February 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1810).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
United Nations Office at Geneva

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first session from Monday, 14 to Tuesday 15, July 2014, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, to review the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference, approve the programme of work of the Conference, and propose rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference, and to elect

the Bureau, pursuant to resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013 (currently available in document A/68/438/Add.3, paragraph 7). Regional groups are invited to nominate two States each for the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to the said resolution. Nominations should be submitted, *in writing*, by each regional group to the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) (e-mail palm@un.org) *by Friday, 14 February 2014*. A letter from Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, dated 2 January 2014, was sent to the Chairs of the regional groups.

Announcements

Yearbook of the United Nations

The sixty-third volume of the *Yearbook of the United Nations*, covering all major areas of United Nations work in 2009, was published last month by the Department of Public Information. A copy for each Permanent Mission is available for pick-up on the ground floor of the North Lawn Building (NLB) (former Conference Room 3).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further

contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Cancellation of the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2014

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean that were scheduled to take place in 2014 have been cancelled due to lack of funding.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (18 February 2014): extraordinary election to replace one member of the Human Rights Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent Missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For enquiries, please send an e-mail to csw.sideevents@unwomen.org.

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 23 January 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7099th meeting — *The situation in Mali*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2014/2).

7100th meeting — *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2014/26)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Sudan to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Hervé Ladsous.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Sudan.

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Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2014 regular session

4th meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Nicaragua, India, Cuba, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, China, the Sudan, Morocco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Israel, Belgium and Peru, as well as by the observers for Singapore and the Observer State of Palestine.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 22 non-governmental organizations.

5th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Belgium, Cuba, the United States, the Sudan, China, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Morocco, as well as by the observer from the Observer State of Palestine.

The Deputy Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Sudan, the United States, Belgium, Nicaragua, Morocco and Pakistan.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, DESA, provided clarifications for members of the Committee.

The representatives of Israel, Cuba, the Sudan, Peru, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation and Nicaragua posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: African Hope Committee, Inc.; The Rainforest Fund, Inc.; Natural Justice; African Refugee Development Center; Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute; Curia Generelizia Augustinia; and Law Enforcement Against Prohibition Education Fund.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 15 non-governmental organizations, and that the status of one organization be reclassified from special to general consultative status.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Peru (23 January 2014)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP). Geneva, 28 September 1984

Accession: Armenia (21 January 2014)

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Benin (22 January 2014)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Ratification: Benin (22 January 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Ghana
His Excellency Ken Kanda

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Tajikistan
Mr. Lukmon Isomatov
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
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His Excellency Yuriy Sergeyev

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His Excellency Sacha Sergio Llorentty Soliz

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Her Excellency Isabelle F. Picco

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Fifty-eighth session

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